

Substitute Bill No. 5162

January Session, 2003

## AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE FILING REQUIREMENTS TO GROUPS OF INDIVIDUALS PROMOTING THE SUCCESS OR DEFEAT OF REFERENDUM QUESTIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 9-333g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2003):
  - (d) A group of two or more individuals who have joined solely to promote the success or defeat of a referendum question shall not be required to file as a political committee, make such designations in accordance with subsections (a) and (b) of this section or file statements pursuant to section 9-333j, if the group does not receive or expend in excess of one thousand dollars for the entire campaign and the agent of such individuals files a certification with the proper authority or authorities as required under section 9-333e before an expenditure is made. The certification shall include the name of the group, or the names of the persons who comprise the group, and the name and address of the agent which shall appear on any communication paid for or sponsored by the group as required by section 9-333w. If the group receives or expends in excess of one thousand dollars, the agent shall complete the statement of organization and file as a political committee not later than three business days thereafter. The agent shall provide the designated

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20 campaign treasurer with all information required for completion of the 21 statements for filing as required by section 9-333j. The filing of a 22 certification under this subsection shall not relieve the group from 23 compliance with the provisions of this chapter, and the group shall be 24 considered a political committee established solely for a referendum 25 question for purposes of the limitations on contributions and 26 expenditures. The town clerk of each municipality in which a 27 referendum is to be held shall use the town clerk's best efforts to notify 28 all groups of two or more individuals who have joined solely to 29 promote the success or defeat of the question at such referendum of 30 the requirements of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	July 1, 2003

GAE Joint Favorable Subst.